

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3 are amended herein and claim 4 is canceled. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 3 is found in Example 1, Table 1 and Figure 1. Hence no issues of new matter are presented. Upon entry of the Amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-3 and 5-30 will be pending.

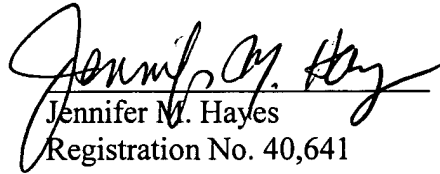
As can be seen from Fig. 1, bioavailability of the claimed composition begins to increase at the osmotic pressure of 72 mOsm continually to 5 mOsm. The difference in bioavailability between 72 mOsm (the upper limit of the present invention) and at 290 mOsm (conventional osmotic pressure) is about 6% which is a dramatic improvement. The prior art does not teach or suggest the unexpectedly superior results of the dramatic improvement of bioavailability at the osmotic pressure of 72 mOsm or less compared to conventional osmotic pressure of 290 mOsm.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4 is canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An aqueous pharmaceutical composition for application to the mucosa, comprising one or more water-insoluble and/or low water soluble substance, and one or more medicament, and having an osmotic pressure of ~~less than 290 mOsm~~ 72 mOsm or less.

3. (Twice Amended) An aqueous pharmaceutical composition for application to the mucosa, comprising one or more hemostatic agent, one or more water-insoluble and/or low water soluble substance, and one or more medicament, and having an osmotic pressure of ~~less than 290 mOsm~~ 72 mOsm or less.

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